

TWO DWELLINGS
WRECKED BY FIREChestnut Hill Blaze Checked After
Loss Estimated at
\$7,000.

From an unknown source, fire originated yesterday morning in the home of Charles A. Haight, Third Avenue and Alder Street, Chestnut Hill, who was away on a picnic with his family, taking a half, completely destroying two dwellings, leaving only the walls of another, while a fourth was only saved from the flames by the valiant work of Richmond firemen, assisted by neighbors, who had gathered on the scene with buckets.

The first alarm was given shortly before 9 o'clock by Mrs. Woodford Duckhart, who lived in the next house to the one in which the fire started. Seeing dense fogs of smoke pouring out at the windows of the house, Mrs. Duckhart ran out and called Mr. E. M. Hoover, who occupied the second floor of the residence. Then, while Hoover and W. A. Beard attempted to enter the burning house, the alarm was spread.

Broke Open the Door. When Hoover broke open the door, smoke and fire burst upon him so that he was driven back, and all seeing that there was no hope of saving any of the contents, turned their efforts toward the next house, which was already on the point of taking fire.

Meanwhile, a telephone message had summoned assistance from the fire department. Engines Nos. 3 and No. 5 to the scene, but on account of the long distance from a sufficient water supply, the firemen encountered great obstacles.

While the firemen and others were working after a stream of water, the fire was spreading rapidly, and by removed the contents of the residence occupied by Mrs. Duckhart and Hoover, succeeding in getting out everything of value. Attention was turned to the third house, occupied by J. M. Depsey and family and the family of George Finch. The contents were quickly removed.

Finally, as the blaze caught the third house, a heavy stream was thrown on it by means of a hose connected with the hydrant of the American Locomotive Company, the firemen succeeded in getting a good stream, but just when it was about to reach the blaze was under control of the hose, which had been connected from the Locomotive Works, leaving the flames again to rage uncontrolled.

In a short time the stream from the hose was turned on again, the fire soon yielding, not, however, until the third house in the block was practically destroyed. Although the greater part of the frame is still standing, the owner considers his loss almost as great as if the entire structure had been reduced to ashes.

Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, Mr. Haight, who lives at the corner house, left with his family for a picnic, taking the Pocahontas for Jamestown. The family knew nothing of the fire, and as no one knew just where they could be reached, no effort was made to notify them until their return last night.

Total Loss About \$7,000. The total damage is estimated at \$7,000. The house occupied by Mr. Haight was the property of J. W. Watkins, and was valued at \$2,500. The contents were roughly estimated at \$1,000.

The second house, occupied by Mr. Hoover on the first floor and Mrs. Duckhart on the second, belonged to Mr. Leonard Eastis, of Danville, Ill. The damage estimated at \$2,000. The other two houses were the property of Mr. Henry August, an employe of the Locomotive Works; damage estimated at \$2,500.

As the property was located outside of the city limits it could not be insured in full value, though it is believed that the damages are covered within perhaps one-fourth of the estimate. There was insurance on all the houses. One thousand eight hundred dollars will easily cover the amount of outright damage.

The people of Chestnut Hill are highly grateful to the Richmond firemen for their heroic work, and also to the Locomotive Works. Many of them said yesterday that, but for the assistance from these sources, the losses would have been much greater. Although the firemen worked against the odds, they made a brave fight, and deserve high credit. Lieutenant Gillis, of Engine Company No. 3, said yesterday that it was one of the hardest fights of his life.

ATHLETIC CONTEST
HELD AT MANASSAS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MANASSAS, Va., September 9.—The Junior Olympic athletic games and the horse tournament held at the horse show grounds, near here to-day was witnessed by between 1,500 and 2,000 people, and in every way measured up to the most sanguine expectation of the management.

The temperature was perfect to a degree, and the condition of the grounds was ideal. Professor R. H. Powell, of Gordonsville, Va., who delivered a brilliant address in charging the knights, was introduced by Mr. Robert J. Hutchison. Mr. A. Sinclair delivered a very appropriate coronation address.

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Running jump—First, W. W. Smith.

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REFORMERS CLOSE
BIG CONVENTION

Colored Insurance and Beneficial Order Will Raise Rates on Elderly Risks.

Rounding up the work of the year, the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, held a long session yesterday morning, the afternoon and evening of the last day of the convention being given over to the children's department. Others were elected for the next two years, as follows: Grand worthy master, W. L. Taylor; grand worthy vice-master, Edward Ellis; grand worthy mistress, Rosa Thompson; grand worthy secretary, W. P. Burrell; grand worthy treasurer, T. T. Hill; grand worthy chaplain, Rev. John T. Carpenter; grand worthy guide, J. H. Nutt; grand worthy assistant guide, L. O. Hodges; grand worthy sentinel, C. Willis; grand worthy picket guard, M. T. Bailey; grand worthy sergeant, J. H. M. Taylor; grand worthy left herald, Mary E. Holmes; grand worthy governors, Elizabeth Allen; grand worthy past mistress, Frances James.

Insurance Rates Raised. Among the resolutions passed was one which will raise the insurance rate on all persons joining the order who are over forty-four years of age.

The rate formerly charged on such risks was based on the rate required by the National Fraternal Congress. The change will not affect those already members of the Grand Fountain.

In the afternoon the religious exercises were held. The program consisted of songs and recitations by the children and addresses by prominent members of the Grand Fountain. The most noteworthy feature of the afternoon was the march of the children to the hall. At 1 o'clock they gathered at Ebenezer Church, Clarke and Light Streets, and in a line 1,200 negro children marched to the Reformers' Hall.

Last night the children rendered an oratorio, which was largely attended. This morning the delegates will go for an all-day outing at the Old Folks Home, Westham, Va. The Grand Fountain selected Richmond as the place of the next convention. It will assemble on the second Tuesday in September, 1910.

NEW COUNCIL MEETS. Several Unfamiliar Faces Appear Among Lynchburg City Fathers.

LYNCHBURG, Va., September 9.—The Common Council held its first meeting last night under the recent organization, which took place a week ago. The new members present for the first time were Dr. W. W. Smith, W. M. Mand, and Richard Hancock, of the First Ward; Y. P. Marshall, of the Second Ward, and Thomas R. Turner, of the standing committee, were accompanied by President Cosby, and the body at once got down to work, ordering considerable new work to be done before the coming of cold weather.

The Board of Aldermen meet next Tuesday night, but this body has no new faces, all of the old members being re-elected at the spring election.

REVISION COMMITTEE MAKES CHANGES IN GRADE DIFFERENCES.

NEW YORK, September 9.—The revision committee of the New York Cotton Exchange at its meeting to-day, made the following changes in grade differences: strict good ordinary 152 points off, middling, instead of 150 points off; good ordinary 250 points off, instead of 200; low middling tinged, 225 points off, instead of 150 points off; middling, 100 points off, instead of 125 points off.

These differences will remain in force until the next meeting of the committee on November 21st.

MOORISH TRIBESMEN DISORGANIZED. COLOMB-BECHAR, ALGERI, September 9.—The military authorities here are convinced that the recent French victory over the Moors was decisive. The tribesmen are too demoralized again to unite, and many of the tribes are reported returning to their homes.

PERSONAL MENTION. The eldest daughter of Mrs. E. Howlett Traill, school, will open Tuesday at 1017 Port Street.

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